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Das innere Leben oder der Verkehr des Christen mit Gott und Menschen. Von Richard Löber. Dritte, gänzlich umgearbeitete Auflage. (Gotha: Schloessmann, 1900; pp. 360; M. 6.) The title of this work indicates clearly its scope. It treats of the Christian life in its inmost nature and in its manifold expressions as determined by that nature. It is thus comprehensive. It is also popular, not scholastic. The author has long been a preacher and pastor. He is a profound theologian, but his theology finds its fit expression through Christian life. With Christian experience in its roots, growth, and fruitage he has a minute acquaintance. His power of exposition and explanation is unusual, whether dealing with the life's inmost principles or its outward expression. He has a rare power of apt illustration from almost every field of human knowledge. The author knows what others have said of Christian experience, and has been a close observer of all forms of Christian life, normal and abnormal, genuine and spurious. But obviously it is his own experience which has first and chiefly made him familiar with that life. This enables him to speak and write with a singular clearness, directness, and assurance, as one having a valid authority. It never occurs to him to draw a distinction between the teaching of his consciousness and that of Holy Scripture, because they are the same in kind. This most thoughtful, thorough, inspiring, readable discussion treats of "the inner Christian life" under the following heads: its nature; the prime condition of its origin ("man's reception into the inner life of God"); its reality as opposed to an empty imagination; its preparation in antecedent experience; its sources; its birth and unfolding; its "high points" (or seasons of extraordinary intensity); its sicknesses and death; and its ultimate completeness. As an aid to the cultivation of one's own Christian life there are few, if any, better discussions. The minister of Christ will find the treatise invaluable in many ways. If it were translated into adequate and idiomatic English and published in a suitable form, it could hardly fail to have a wide sale and a wholesome influence.—GEO. D. B. PEPPER.

Die seelsorgerliche Diagnose. Von Bernard Liebermann. (Leipzig: Velhagen & Klasing, 1900; pp. ix + 194; M. 3.) This book will prove interesting and helpful to pastors who believe that, in a time when the masses are turning away from religion and the church, the Christian pastor has the special mission to win back as many as he can, and that the means through which this is to be accomplished is